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## **In The Claims:**

- 1. (Currently amended) A wheel suspension system for a motor vehicle, comprising:
  - a lower link for the attachment of a wheel;
  - a spring having a lower end and an upper end, the lower end of which is arranged on the link and the upper end of which is arranged in a spring plate; and
  - a chassis underframe having a mounting <u>annually surrounding the spring</u> <u>spring plate</u> for support[ing part of the spring plate when the wheel suspension system is not fitted on a body of a motor vehicle], and <u>the chassis underframe</u> having at least one pair of bearings for fastening to the body wherein the mounting supports the spring plate <u>when the suspension is not</u> fitted to the body of the motor vehicle. [the chassis mounting removes support from the part of the spring plate and the spring plate directly contacts the body of the motor vehicle.]
- 2. (cancelled)
- 3. (original) The wheel suspension system of claim 1, wherein the spring plate has a centering extension.
- 4.(cancelled)
- 5. (Currently amended). The wheel suspension system of claim 1, [2, 3,] or <u>3 [4]</u>, wherein the spring plate is combined with the support of a spring aid.
- 6. (Currently amended) The wheel suspension system of claim 1, [2,] <u>or</u> 3, [or 4,] wherein at least one pair of bearings of the chassis underframe are formed by elastomeric elements.

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- 7. (Currently Amended) The wheel suspension system of claim [4] \_3, wherein the spring plate is combined with the support of a spring aid and at least one pair of bearings of the chassis underframe are formed by elastomeric elements.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The wheel suspension system of claim 1, [2, 3,] or [4] 3, wherein the lower link is designed as a transverse link.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The wheel suspension system of claim [4] 3, wherein the spring plate is combined with the support of a spring aid and the lower link is designed as a transverse link.
- 10.(Currently Amended) The wheel suspension system of claim [4] 3, wherein at least one pair of bearings of the chassis underframe are formed by elastomeric elements and the lower link is designed as a transverse link.
- 11.(Original) The wheel suspension system of claim 7, wherein the lower link is designed as a transverse link.
- 12. (Previously presented) A method for installing a wheel suspension system, comprising the following steps:

providing a wheel suspension system having a lower link for the attachment of a wheel, a chassis underframe having at least one pair of bearings for fastening to a body of a motor vehicle, and a spring having a lower end and an upper end, the lower end of which is arranged on the link and the upper end of the which is arranged in a spring plate wherein the chassis underframe has a mounting on which part of the spring plate is supported when the wheel suspension system is not fitted on the body of a motor vehicle;

fitting the wheel suspension system onto the body of a motor vehicle so that the spring plate is supported on the body; and

fastening the chassis underframe to the body of the motor vehicle, the spring being compressed and the spring plate separating from the mounting of the chassis underframe.

- 13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the chassis underframe and the spring plate are mounted on a longitudinal member of the body.
- 14.(Cancelled).
- 15.(Cancelled).